

CITY COUNCIL

Public Safety Committee

Monday, October 6, 2008 5:30 pm

Attendance: D. Sterner, Chair, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, S. Marmarou

Other City Staff Attending: S. Katzenmoyer, C. Kanezo

Dennis Sterner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

I. CIP Amendment - City Hall Security

Mr. Kanezo distributed a memo describing the CIP amendment affecting City Hall Security. He indicated that Chief Heim supports the amendment and plan to increase security.

Mr. Sterner questioned the amount of the original City Hall Security line item. Mr. Kanezo indicated that it was \$250,000 and was to install a system similar to the one in service at the County Services Center. He indicated that the new plan can be completed for less than \$100,000. The amended amount is \$100,000. He indicated that these are one-time costs and no security personnel need to be hired. The plan includes panic buttons in several key offices, security barriers in offices heavily used by citizens, and restricted access to the lower level of the building. All employees would be required to wear photo id daily. Employees would also receive training by the Police Department to increase their ability to recognize potentially dangerous individuals and situations.

The Committee requested that this amendment be moved from the pending box for action at the October 13th meeting. It must be researched if the amendment needs to be re-introduced.

II. Curfew Ordinance Amendment

There are concerns that this amendment has extended the school day to 3:30 pm.

As no one from the Police Department was present, this issue will be discussed at the Committee's November meeting.

A report compiled by Olivet outlining the activity at the summer curfew center was distributed and reviewed.

III. Graffiti Amendment

The proposed amendment to the Graffiti Ordinance was reviewed.

Mr. Marmarou indicated that parental responsibility is already spelled out in State law. He questioned the need for this amendment. Mr. Sterner requested this question be reviewed with legal staff.

This issue will remain on the agenda for the November meeting.

IV. Public Safety Goal #1 Coordination of Police, Codes and Zoning Services

Mr. Sterner questioned how the Committee could have productive discussions on this issue. It was suggested that Inspector Gery attend the next Committee meeting for a brief presentation.

Mr. Sterner expressed his belief that this issue should be worked out by the Administration. He noted that all parties should work together and agree on procedures. He requested that Ms. Katzenmoyer send a memo.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted that many times property maintenance issues affect crime and vice versa.

The Public Safety Committee meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk

Follow Up Items

- Housing Permit Process Jatinder Khokhar and Brad Reinhart
- City Hall Security Chief Heim
- Curfew Amendment Chief Heim
- Graffiti Amendment Chief Heim